

DeLeon Springs Community Association, Inc.
Monthly Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 13, 2018

1. Amy Munizzi, President, called the meeting to order, led the Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance and everyone introduced themselves. Amy welcomed members who told a little about themselves, and visitors Colleen Kurczi, member of the McInnis SAC, and Carolyn Denton who has lived in the area for decades and remembered the diner and cabins that had been located on the Porter House property, etc. Amy also thanked Shirley Malmborg and Linda (Malmborg) Bruschat for allowing the DSCA, Inc. to continue to meet in the Porter House, and continue to use the grounds for our events.

2. Review of October 9th DSCA, Inc. meeting minutes: Treasurer Tammy Schuler sat in for Laurie Haas, Secretary, and reminded all members that our minutes are e-mailed to them and posted on the website so they have time to read them in advance, saving printing costs. Tammy asked for any corrections or questions and hearing none, Jason Sampsell moved to accept the minutes as written. Andrea Smiley seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3. Reports:

A. Vice President's Report: Jason Sampsell, Vice President had been tied up in work related law enforcement training so he had no report. Amy stated it was good to have things going well in our community and 'no report' of issues that had come to his attention.

B. Treasurer's Report: Tammy Schuler, Treasurer reported that there were \$2,018.48 in expenses and \$1,480.27 in income. The checkbook balance is \$14,912.72. Subtracting the designated line items, we have a spending balance of -262.53. Amy reminded members that we do have a positive balance, but no additional money to spend at this time. Andrea Smiley moved to accept the treasurer's report and Jim Simmons seconded the motion. Motion passed.

C. McInnis Elementary School SAC: The report was given by visitor Colleen Kurczi, who shared that the Family Center at McInnis is good for shoes at this time, but Colleen said she would check on a regular basis and let us know if more are needed. The literacy event at Christmas time was discussed at the SAC meeting; a date is yet to be determined.

D. River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Board: Janice Russak reported that due to the Thanksgiving holiday the meeting was informal and held in the stables at DeBary Hall. SJR2C (St. John's River to Sea) Loop Alliance President Maggie Ardito was the speaker who presented information about the bike trail system and efforts to acquire the portions needed to the north and south of Lake Beresford Park to complete the sections along Blue Springs. A suggestion was made to have crosswalks with flashing lights at places where the trail crosses a road. Maggie stated that towns along the SJR2C Loop could apply to be a "Trail Town". These Trail Towns can host activities for cyclists to promote the trail and the town. "Towns" do not have to be incorporated. Amy thanked Janice again for representing DeLeon Springs on the ROLHCB and keeping us informed on this important information.

E. Benevolence:

Troop-ons© Coupons for Soldiers: Andrea Smiley reported that she now has 10 more phones to mail. She has mailed 13 lb. 12.5 oz. of phones so far for 2018.

Cell Phones for Soldiers: Andrea reported that coupons to be mailed to the troops may be up to one month expired and must be manufacturer's coupons. She has mailed 41.05 lbs. so far for 2018.

Malloy Head Start Food Pantry: Amy Munizzi reported that MHS needs and accepts non-perishable foods, baby items and clothes. Rosie, the director of the MHS, contacted Amy to express her appreciation for the donations. Rosie stated to Amy that warm jackets are needed for the children. The DSCA, Inc. membership agreed to collect new or gently worn jackets, hooded pullovers, and sweatshirts, in (toddler sizes 4-6) and bring them to the next meeting on December 11th. They do not need to be wrapped. Tammy stated if people prefer, checks may also be mailed to the DSCA, Inc. for the purchase of jackets.

Please write “jackets” in the memo section so she knows they are designated for this and she will shop for you. Amy reminded everyone that all of these initiatives are “participation optional” and people should never feel pressured to donate. We have many needs in our community and each person may participate in whatever they feel led to, whenever they wish.

Malloy Head Start Thanksgiving Baskets: Tammy Schuler reported that our goal was to fill and donate 25 baskets to the MHS, but this year funds were tight. We had a corporate sponsor donate many of the Publix gift cards last year (for the purchase of a turkey) but they had moved. Tammy went by the post office right before the meeting and a local businessman had sent a substantial donation. That, added to the generous donations of our members so far means we will probably meet our goal. Assembly of baskets will take place Friday, November 16th at the Christian Church of DeLeon Springs. Anyone is welcome to help.

McInnis Elementary School Shoe Drive: Amy Munizzi said DSCA, Inc. members donated nearly 50 pairs of shoes for the Family Center at McInnis. Colleen Kurczi will let us know if more are needed.

F. Chuck Lennon Park, Mountain Biking Trail and SORBA Fall Fat Tire Weekend: Kevin Phelps reported that the Chuck Lennon Mountain Biking Trails are in great shape. The SORBA Fat Tire Weekend was a success. It was only the second time in 30 years it had been held in Florida and 44 chapters from seven states were represented. He received positive feed back from the participants, some even thought it was the best one they have been to and they loved the area. There was a meeting of about 100 members and a ride at the Chuck Lennon Trails with about 200 riders. There was a big party with live music at Highland Park Fish Camp where many of the cyclists were staying. There was also a 17-mile ride that started at JC’s Bike Shop. DSCA, Inc. sponsored this event at the \$200 Silver Level. Amy thanked Kevin for his dedication to all of this and for keeping DeLeon Springs in the spotlight for great trail riding and the economic boost that comes to our area from these riders.

G. Ride Into Reading Third Grade Challenge: Amy Munizzi reported that the Ride into Reading program has been launched and 100% of the third graders are participating. DSCA, Inc. donated two bikes and six \$10 Walmart gift cards as incentives. J.C.’s Bike Shop gave us an excellent deal on good quality bikes and donated two helmets. The program runs through April 2019.

H. International Walk to School Day update: Amy reported that the walk was moved from the usual second Wednesday to Friday October 12th due to the hurricane. It started at the Porter House where over 100 students, staff, community members and VCSO personnel met, then walked together to McInnis Elementary School, where there was a special ceremony. On behalf of the DSCA, Inc. Amy presented the art teacher with a \$100 gift card from the DSCA, Inc. This is to be used for art supplies to help the kids create art for the April 13, 2019 Art Among the Trees Juried Art, Crafts and Music Festival. The MES Bobcat was also there and we were able to request that he attend our October Festival, which he did to the delight of the students and adults alike.

I. McInnis Elementary School’s Annual Fall Event (October 19th): Colleen reported that the event was open to the public and was very well attended. The DSCA, Inc. was unable to send a volunteer and car for the ‘trunk or treat’ because our volunteers were setting up for the next day’s Festival, however we did donate a huge ‘trunk’ of snacks and candy, which was handed out for us by First Baptist Church of DeLeon Springs.

J. Autumn in the Oaks Art, Music and Crafts Festival update (October 20th): Amy reported that the Festival was a success. People really enjoyed the selection of arts, crafts, plants, etc. We had DSSP, LWNWR, US Forestry, Crankin As, PTA doing desserts, and a wide variety of non-profit exhibitors. Several of our artists and craftsmen stated that ours are their favorite festivals to participate in; they sell the most items here because we limit the event’s size and the amount of each kind of exhibitor here. People enjoyed the bands and we limited it to Old Tyme and Bluegrass so it was easier for the sound tech to mix sound and band changes didn’t create so much down time. Andrea reported that the luncheon went well. Subs were provided from Mr. Subs and they gave us a really good deal. Sodas were donated by Cheri at the DeLeon Springs Laundromat and chips were donated by Tammy. Several people brought homemade desserts. Jason reported that the membership table went well and t-shirt sales went well. Volunteers from Taylor High were very helpful and efficient. Several of them already had the volunteer hours they need and just wanted to help. He thinks Laurie Haas may have a list of their names so Taylor High can be contacted. Juan and Lucy Mancilla reported that the KidZone went well and they appreciated Vo-LaSalle Farms donating all the small pumpkins, which went very fast; decorating the little pumpkins was a big hit. Karen

Ellzey did a great job facepainting as usual. Smokey Bear and the MES Bobcat were big draws for photo ops and furry hugs. Amy thanked everyone for all the work they put into making this event so successful for our community.

4. Other Business:

A. Nomination of DSCA, Inc. Officers: Amy stated that the positions of President and Treasurer were open for nominations. Andrea Smiley moved to retain Amy Munizzi as President and Tammy Schuler as Treasurer for 2019. There were no other nominations. Jennie Mero seconded the motion and the motion passed without opposition. Officers and Board members will be affirmed at the December meeting.

B. Reminder: Wildcat 5-K November 17th: Amy reminded everyone that this event has been sponsored by the DSCA, Inc. at the \$500 Gold Level this year due to additional donations. Andrea Smiley, Lauri Haas, and Tammy Schuler will be representing us as TEAM DSCA, INC. in the 5K. Anyone is welcome to join them.

C. December 11th Covered Dish Dinner Celebration and Warm Jacket Drive for MHS kids: Amy announced that the next meeting on December 11th will be our annual covered dish dinner. Please bring a food item to share and we will have a fun evening of good food and fellowship, celebrating another year of outstanding service to our community by our members. We will be collecting jackets or warm sweatshirts for the Malloy Head Start kids and they don't need to be wrapped for Christmas. Tammy said she will also gladly accept checks through December 7th and will use whatever funds she has by then to purchase them.

5. Public Comments: (participants have up to 4 minutes to speak)

Linda Bruschayt shared that her dad, Don Malmborg, had gotten the old Christmas decorations that City of DeLand had retired, (before purchasing new ones) several years ago with the hope that the men's group would refurbish and repair them for use in DeLeon Springs. They are all in a shed that the Malmborg's have sold and the items need to be removed. Don had procured them for decorating Highway 17 through DeLeon Springs. Jason mentioned that we would have to get permits from DOT to put them up. Kevin Phelps suggested the State Park might be interested in them. Andrea stated DSSP already has decorations but the Christian Church might want them for their annual event. Linda stated they are secular decorations. Tammy suggested perhaps Town of Pierson might be able to use them, since they are incorporated and have more authority to do things like this within their boundaries. They also have employees who could fix them, and personnel who might be able to put them up. Lee Munizzi said he and Amy were leaving the state for the holiday but might be able to help with them after Thanksgiving when they got back. Shirley Malmborg stated the items would be several truckloads full and needed to be moved quickly.

Jennie Mero reported that she had talked with a VCSO deputy who patrols our area to see if there are any particular concerns right now. He said there is some burglary activity, but it is better than it was and crime is down due to people watching out for others and calling the VCSO when they see something odd. Jennie cautioned that a recent theft was because the person had befriended people who then stole from her and we need to be cautious about what individuals we let into our homes.

6. Adjournment: Amy adjourned the meeting. Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 11th, 6:00 p.m., Christmas Covered Dish Dinner at the Porter House, 5030 US Hwy. 17 N. and all are welcome so bring a friend, neighbor, or family member to join us for a fun evening together.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Schuler
Acting Secretary for
Laurie Haas